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## Holiday magic and history meet at Depot



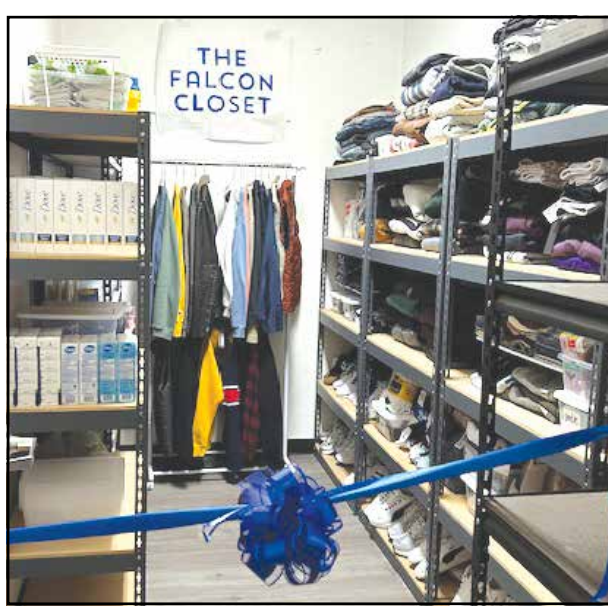
Board member Dolly Hei, Docent in Charge Susan Grisham, board members Dwayne Armstrong and Barbara Gladden, and museum president and board member Roger Strader are passionate about Shafter's rich history.

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

The annual Christmas Celebration at the Depot at the Shafter Depot Museum took place on Saturday, featuring the Shafter Brass Band playing traditional holiday carols and songs. Attendees enjoyed a visit from Santa, along with stuffed animals for the children, courtesy of PetSmart.

The event showcased a selection of decorated Christmas trees, with community members voting for the best design. The museum was adorned in a festive theme, and guests indulged in home-

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A glimpse inside The Falcon Closet at Wasco Independence High School, stocked with clothing, personal hygiene products and household essentials, ready to serve students in need.

## The Falcon Closet opens at WIHS

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

Wasco Independence High School celebrated the grand opening of The Falcon Closet recently with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Thanks to a \$5,000 community grant from Kern Family Health Care, this long-awaited project became a reality.

The Falcon Closet was created to address a critical need within the student community by providing free access to essential items such as clothing, personal hygiene products and household supplies. WIHS staff recognized that students' success is often hindered by a lack of basic necessities, and this initiative aims to remove those barriers. By meeting these fundamental needs, the school hopes to enhance students' physical and mental well-being.

The community is encouraged to support The Falcon Closet to ensure its continued success. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the Wasco Union High School District office, 2100 7th St. For questions, contact Vianney Gonzalez at 661-758-7450. Please include "The Falcon Closet" in the memo line of checks or money orders.

"Together, we can make a difference in the lives of students in need," school counselor Vianney Gonzalez said.



A local brass group entertained the crowd with holiday music.

## Shafter Mennonite Church hosts celebration

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

The Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church hosted its annual "Come Celebrate Christmas" recently. It was a festive event featuring a Christmas tree lighting, food trucks, pop-up vendors, hayrides, live music, bounce houses, crafts, photo opportunities, face painting, a s'mores station and a family nativity experience.

"We wanted to tie this event in with other holiday community events in Shafter and offer something similar at our church for the community," Pastor Pat Coyle explained about the Dec. 8 event. "We have a good-sized campus with several spaces, including our worship center, a downstairs area called Base Camp for elementary school children ages four to sixth grade, a gymnasium for sports and a large dining room. All of these areas were open for people to explore during the event."

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The Christmas tree lighting was one of the event's highlights.

## Toys for Tigers brings Christmas joy

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

Wasco Toys for Tigers held its annual toy distribution event on Saturday at Grace Community Church, serving 220 families for a total of 650 children. The organization provided children ages up to age 12 with new balls, games, stuffed animals, blankets, stocking stuffers and toys.

"The event was an incredible success. We feel very blessed by the community that helped us put this together," event chairman Donna Ward said. "We couldn't do it without our partners, which this year included the Wasco Recreation and Parks District, Grace Community Church, the Wasco Rose Festival and Christmas Parade Committee, Macy's, Certis, Wasco FFA, the Miss Wasco

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# Community Calendar

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune encourage local organizations to let the public know about coming events and activities through this column. Drop off or mail items at the office, 455 Kern St., Suite E, in Shafter, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email [esoriano@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com). Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on [TheShafterPress.com](http://TheShafterPress.com) and [WascoTrib.com](http://WascoTrib.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Christmas for Seniors** – Donations needed for seniors' Christmas lists, with socks, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant and other toiletries especially needed. All donations are welcome. The list is available on Amazon: Christmas for Shafter Seniors 2024, or can be delivered to the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid Ave, Call 661-529-1340 for information. Deadline is Tuesday, Dec. 3.

**16th Annual Christmas Tree Display** – The Shafter Depot Museum presents "The Lights of Christmas!" If you want to set up a tree or know of anyone who does, contact Stephanie, 661-330-8769, or Stan, 661-747-0324, for more information. We love community involvement and accept last minute entries. Setup for the display will be the first week of December. Trees will be on display Saturdays, Dec. 21, 28 and Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

## ONGOING

**PRIDE Pantry donations** – Consider donating to SHS Pride Pantry this holiday season. Suggested items to donate include nonperishable foods, hygiene products, socks, jackets, warm clothing, laundry soap and household items. Monetary donations can be made out to "Pride Pantry" and dropped off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

**Wardrobe for Wildcats** – Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweatshirt to each student for the 2024-25 school year. All donations will directly benefit students at the school and are tax deductible. Bring a donation directly by the school at 25300 Hwy. 46 in Wasco or contact Melody Gebhardt at 661-746-4439.

## MONDAY

**North Kern 4H** – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

**Richland School Board** – Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

## TUESDAY

**Senior Sack Program** – First and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Griffith Avenue Baptist Church in Wasco.

**Shafter Recreation and Parks District** – Meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 505 Sunset Ave., the Shafter Senior Center.

**Shafter City Council** – Meetings the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

**Wasco City Council** – Meetings first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

**Wasco Woman's Club** – Meetings at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the sec-

ond Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

**Senior Food giveaway** – Westside Family Fellowship hosts free senior food giveaway every fourth Tuesday of the month, 9-10 a.m., 60 or older (ID required). 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

## WEDNESDAY

**Shafter Rotary** – Meetings at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

**Shafter Kiwanis** – Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

**Shafter Woman's Club** – Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

## THURSDAY

**Wasco High School Board** – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit [wascouhsd.org](http://wascouhsd.org) for agenda information.

**Wasco Recreation and Park Board** – Meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

**Food distribution** – Shafter Recreation and the Gleaners have food distribution every first and third Thursday of each month at the W.C. Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

**Free farmers market** – Westside Family Fellowship hosts fourth Thursday of the month, 8-10 a.m. 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

## FRIDAY

**Bulky waste pickup** – American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residents de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

## SATURDAY

**Depot Museum** – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Green Hotel tours** – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email [thegreenhotel@gmail.com](mailto:thegreenhotel@gmail.com) or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

**Minter Field Air Museum** – Open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

**Wasco Museum** – Open every second Saturday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at 918 6th St. Free to the public. Wasco High School artifacts from over the last 100 years are featured.

# Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [The Press](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Shafter Children's Theater produced "Pooh Corner" in 1966. Players included Ramay, Millie Burrow, Ron Reel, Robert Long, Judy Dick, Eileen Smith, Larry Douglas and Phillip Blagg.



## WASCO



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## ARREST REPORT

### SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### DEC. 8

Jose Antonio Lopez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Valley Highway and East Los Angeles for DUI.

Juan Jose Flores, 49, of Shafter, was arrested at Gibbottler Avenue and Gibbottler Lane for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

#### DEC. 9

Samantha Barraza, 18, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Rodriguez Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Jordy Vargas, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Rodriguez Avenue for possession of controlled substances and on an outside agency warrant.

Johnny Gabriel Fimbres, 47, of Shafter, was arrested at Burbank Street and Cherry Avenue on an outside warrant.

#### DEC. 10

Joshua Oros, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of California Avenue for contempt of court: disobeying a court order and possession of a controlled substance.

Ignacio Briseno Ramirez, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Hector Eli Valladolid Vargas, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block

of West Orange Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

### BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Buttonwillow substitution:

#### DEC. 9

Angel Ramiro Espinoza, 41, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of West Los Angeles and Lawrence streets in Shafter for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and no light on bicycle during darkness. He was cited and released at the scene.

Christopher Lee Miller, 33, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 200 block of West 3rd Street for possession of a controlled substance, on a misdemeanor warrant, and for a parole violation. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Bruce Payne, 73, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 20600 block of Tracy Avenue on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Lionel Rene Bernhardt, 71, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 29500 block of Stockdale Highway in Bakersfield for prohibited person in possession of ammunition, and on a felony warrant and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 10

Alexis Rentas, 40, of

Bakersfield, was arrested in the 35700 block of Highway 58 on an out of county warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 15

Keyona Cady, 32, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 200 block of West 3rd Street for battery on person and vandalism. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### WASCO

As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

#### DEC. 11

Omar Nunez, 30, was arrested at Kimberlina and

Beech for operating a commercial vehicle in excess of 15 mph and driving without a license. He was cited and released.

Frank Matthew Gonzales, 37, was arrested in the alley of 700 block of F Street on bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gabriella Acosta, 24, was arrested at 4th and Peters streets for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Rigoberto Hernandez Sanders, 28, was arrested in the 1200 block of Oak Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol, possession of a narcotic controlled substance and possession of a narcotic/controlled substance for sale. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Vincent Ray Callahan Sr., 65, was arrested for possession of a narcotic/controlled substance, possession of a narcotic/controlled substance for sale and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Anthony Jose Hernandez, 41, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### DEC. 12

Mara Maravilla Hernandez, 29, was arrested in the 1800 block of F Street for DUI: alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DEC. 14

Jose Sanchez-Amaral, 37, was arrested in the 2200 block of Flower Street for DUI: alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# Givens reappointed Shafter mayor

**JAMIE STEWART**  
For The Shafter Press

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The Shafter City Council voted unanimously to reappoint Chad Givens as mayor for another two-year term, beginning Jan. 1. The mayoral position is appointed by a vote of the council members. Givens was nominated by Councilmember Gus Olvera.

council, they also voted to certify the Nov. 4 election results, in which Espinoza, Givens and Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado retained their seats on the council for another four-year term. They were then sworn in.

Gus Olvera was voted in to serve as mayor pro-tem.

In other action, the council appointed

representatives on county committees.

Three councilmembers expressed interest in an open seat on the Kern Council of Governments. Councilmember Cathy Prout wanted to remain on the board, but Alvarado also nominated himself for the position. When asked by Mayor Givens, Councilmember Espinoza nominated himself. Ultimately, Givens appointed Espinoza as the board member, with Alvarado being the first alternate and Prout as

the second alternate.

Olvera was appointed the city's representative on the San Joaquin Valley Air District Board.

The only other item on the agenda was approved, giving the Richland School District use of the former city yard located on North Shafter Avenue to use to park buses while a construction project is going on that makes it necessary for them to move the vehicles.

# City employees to get one-time payments

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

## WASCO

Wasco city employees will get one-time payments of \$2,000 after the City Council voted the allocation from American Rescue Plan funds. Part-time employees will get \$1,000 payments.

City Manager Scott Hurlbert said that over the last couple of years, city employees have been operating under memorandums of understanding and a wage structure defined more than two years ago. He added that there has been some correction recently, but during that time, there was substantial inflation in the energy and food categories, impacting employees and their families.

The payments will total about \$219,907 from the fund that was created to help

deal with the covid-19 pandemic.

"This is just a move in good faith with our employees to recognize these inflationary factors that have affected them and to use these ARPA funds in a valid manner to acknowledge the efforts that our employees put in and to keep our wages competitive without raising our base rate fund in an irreversible way," he said. "This is one of the things we have talked about during our strategic meetings: that the city is definitely taking the approach that we want to be competitive. We want to compensate our employees adequately, but we don't want to COLA [cost of living adjustments] ourselves out of business. So, this is an effective way to do that and put the money in their hands without affecting our long-

term retirement and pension liabilities."

Chief Charles Fivecoat reported that there have been 90 crashes involving vehicles since the Police Department launched on April 18. The primary causes include unsafe turns, left turns into oncoming traffic, hazardous speed, cell phone distractions and DUIs. Most crashes have occurred in the Griffith Avenue corridor area.

To address the high number of incidents, he plans to have officers on the street with maximum enforcement during the holidays. "We previously started a campaign to educate the public about driving conditions that lead to accidents, but we're at a point now, especially with the presence of three fatal accidents in the last eight months, where we've made the decision that we've done a lot of education, and now we're going to start enforce-

ment activity. We're taking it seriously. It's time now to do a little more enforcement. We must ensure the safety of the community."

Amor Regis and James Saucio of the Wasco Grocery Outlet were presented with certificates of recognition and keys to the city for their dedication and commitment to the city. Since opening its doors in June 2023, the new national retailer has been an excellent partner for Animal Control, hosting free adoption events at their store. The city has held four of these events, all of which have achieved highly successful adoption rates. Additionally, they donated dog food, snacks and toys during these events.

They have also supported police activities, including Chill with a Cop, Trunk or Treat and National Night Out.

# Salinas committed to Sports Complex

## THE NEW BOARDS | Profiles of Shafter's elected leaders

First of a five-part series spotlighting the Shafter Recreation and Parks District board of directors. Nelson Salinas was re-elected for a second term in November representing District 1, and was reappointed chairman.

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**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

"It's a privilege and honor to continue serving my district and the community of Shafter," Nelson Salinas said in an interview. "I have a lot of ambition to finish the Wonderful

Sports Complex in partnership with Shafter Rec. We've been working tirelessly on it, and I'm committed to going the extra mile to complete phases one and two within the next couple of years."

Salinas, the CEO of N&L Farm Labor Services, is also co-owner of Glam Salon & Spa and Shafter Ag Solutions Inc., alongside Alejandro Salinas and his mother, Rosa Salinas.

Coming from humble beginnings, Nelson's journey is one of perseverance and grit. "I was raised here in Shafter, growing up in the projects as part of a family of field workers. I know what poverty feels like, but I've also learned that through hard work, you



**Nelson Salinas brings entrepreneurial drive and creativity to his board role.**

can achieve your goals and dreams. As our businesses started doing well, we knew the importance of giving back. That philosophy has helped us grow. We're big advocates for building relationships, and I believe that's why we have such strong rapport with our employees and the community."

Over the years, Salinas is proud of the accomplishments he and his fellow board members have achieved. "We worked hard to secure new

sponsorships, expand sports programs for kids and keep registration costs affordable so every family in Shafter can participate. We've introduced improvements like our Shafter Recreation and Parks District mascot, the Cadet, a symbol we chose together as a community. We've also extended after-school programs by partnering with schools in Shafter, and we are now present at Sequoia Elementary, Grimmway Academy and Redwood Ele-

mentary."

Salinas sees tremendous value in the SRPD's mission. "Our motto is 'Coming Together and Growing Together.' Sports may be the foundation, but it's about so much more.



**The Shafter Recreation and Parks District team: District Manager Phillip Jimenez, District Secretary Beverly Chambers, Directors Amando Chavez and Jorge Lopez, Co-Chair Christina Camacho, Chairman Nelson Salinas, Director Gary Rodriguez, Activities Director Skylar Garcia, and staff members Jose Cardenas and Angel Serrano. (Photo courtesy of Nelson Salinas)**

It's about building relationships, creating a sense of home and fostering friendships and family connections. Being part of a recreation program allows people to grow, whether through teamwork, understanding different personalities or simply listening to each other. There's so much growth when you are part of a recreation program."

Nelson especially appreciates the collaborative nature of the SRPD board, which he believes is one of the best Shafter has seen. "Our board members come from such diverse professional backgrounds. That collective experience makes us stronger and helps us achieve more because we bring different perspectives to the table. It allows us to understand challenges and accomplish our goals effectively."

For Salinas, listening to the voices of the community remains his top priority. "My hope for the future is to continue hearing the needs of our community so we can deliver. That's what drives me to serve."



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# Bright lights replace headlights at park

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

The City of Shafter held a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week to celebrate the grand opening of the new soccer lights at Veterans Park. The event highlighted the park's improvements to its soccer fields.

For a field that used to be completely dark, where players often relied on car headlights, construction lights and generators to practice and play at night, the addition of soccer field lights is truly remarkable and a game-changer, according to the people that use the facility.

Shafter FC youth football club coach Gabriel Becerra shared his enthusiasm: "It's great that we have our own lights now. We can train longer, whereas before we had to start earlier, which made it hard for parents to get here. With the addition of the lights, it's easier for them to get off work and bring their kids to practice. It's beautiful that we can see and have longer sessions. This is going to help develop our players. Longer play time equals better development."

Salvador Huerta, whose 11-year-old son Angel plays on the team, expressed his excitement: "In the past, we had to take November and December off because of the early sunsets. We would have to pause. Now, with the lights, this is incredible for the boys and girls who love playing soccer."

As stated by Councilmember Gustavo Olvera, who has served on the council for two years, this project was long overdue. Recognizing the heavy use of the park by both youth and adults, particularly on the side with the soccer fields, he said, "It creates opportunities for youth leagues to come out, play and have tournaments. To see the project come to fruition like this truly builds community."



Players celebrate the addition of bright lights to the soccer fields, allowing them to practice well into the evening hours.

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Mayor Chad Givens emphasized that soccer is one of the largest athletic groups in the city. "So, when we have various groups trying to use the field, it makes it difficult for scheduling and accommodating. This opens up our ability to schedule activities that can go deeper into the evening hours and give space for other groups to have field time."

The project was funded with grant money, not money from the general fund. Councilmember Pete Espinoza explained that the council asked staff to seek grant funding

for lighting around the perimeter walking path of the park, which was constructed around 10 years ago, according to Espinoza. Once that was secured about a year ago, they made plans to add lighting to the soccer fields. Lighting for the football practice fields had been installed six years ago, and the newly built basketball courts had already been completed with lights when the courts were finished six months ago.

"Next, we'll be looking to light up the areas where the canopies are for the picnic tables and the children's playground, which is all dark now. That's where we're looking next. That will complete every-

thing. We'll have lights covering 99% of the park."

The park is heavily used, with a lot of foot traffic and people walking around the perimeter. It sees significant activity for seven months out of the year during football season. The plan is to ensure the entire park is well-lit.

"These are the same lights that are at the high school football field. You turn them on with a switch; they're unlike the old lights where you had to turn them on 30-40 minutes before. You can tell just by looking at them they're first-of-the-line, top-rate. They're first class."

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## City Spotlight News & Updates You Need to Know

# Every Drop Counts: Water Conservation in Wasco

Wasco is located in California's Central Valley and, like other areas in the region, faces considerable challenges due to drought. Since the city relies heavily on agriculture, drought conditions can significantly affect local crops, the public's water supply, and the overall economy. The Community's public water system depends entirely on groundwater because there are no available surface water supplies. Our groundwater reserves are primarily replenished by rainfall that seeps into the ground and water recharged from neighboring districts. Decreased water levels negatively impact the community, leading to water quality degradation and increased pumping costs as we have to extract water from greater depths.

Although we cannot control the climate or the impact of a drought, we can take proactive steps to conserve water in our daily lives. Simple actions can significantly contribute to maintaining a sustainable water supply. For instance, if we compare taking a shower and filling up a bathtub, taking a shower generally uses less water. A shower consumes between 10 to 25 gallons of water, while a bath can require up to 70 gallons. Fixing a leaking toilet and adjusting your sprinkler timer are effective ways to reduce water usage and promote conservation. A leaking toilet can waste approximately 200 gallons of water each day, which is equivalent to flushing it unnecessarily more than 50 times. Additionally, it is important to maintain the appropriate duration for running your sprinklers. During

the summer, the amount of water needed for your lawn is different than what is required in the winter months. Be sure to turn off or adjust your sprinklers during rainy days to avoid overwatering and conserve resources. Winter is crucial for replenishing our groundwater reserves in preparation for the summer. You can also save water by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth in the morning and before bedtime. This small change can save between 4 to 8 gallons of water each time, adding up to over 200 gallons saved in a month. By adopting these simple measures, we can protect our water supply as a community and help maintain healthy groundwater levels for the future.



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- Volunteers

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**Public Notice**

The Wasco City Council is recruiting two (2) individuals to serve on the Wasco Planning Commission and one (1) individual to serve on the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District's Board of Trustees. For any questions or assistance regarding this appointment, contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215.

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**Upcoming Events**

- Dec. 24-25 City Offices Closed for the Holidays
- Dec. 27 City offices closed Friday
- Dec. 31-Jan 01 City Offices Closed for the New Year.
- Jan. 07 City Council Meeting 746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 10 City offices closed Friday
- Jan. 13 Planning Commission Meeting 746 8th St. @ 6:00 p.m.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING AND  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE  
WESTERN KERN UNIVERSAL  
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  
CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all residential properties in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Western Kern Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved.

Maximum annual rates for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area will increase as per the following table.

Western Kern UCA Annual Fees:  
Western Kern UCA per residential unit\*\*  
Current Fee = \$562.20  
Effective July 2025 = \$596.52

\*\*Fees shown include the Admin Fee of \$12.00 per unit per year  
Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will

select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING AND  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM  
SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE  
FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative

Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that designates the use of each parcel of real property in Kern County as either residential with four units or less, residential with five units or more, or non-residential, and describes the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of residential real property in Kern County should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved. In accordance with this report, the Public Works Department proposes to increase the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) imposed on residential property on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 over the rates established for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The charge imposed on a parcel of property used as a single-family residence with one to four residential units per parcel will increase from \$179.72 per year per residential unit to \$185.52 per year per residential unit. Parcels with multi-family dwellings with five or more residential units will increase from \$143.78 per year per residential unit to \$148.42 per year per residential unit.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASAO) without a protest hearing for two more years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed

as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Board of Supervisors may order the report filed with the Kern County Auditor-Controller-City Clerk, who will enter the amounts of the fee against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING AND  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE  
RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL  
BILLED  
ZONE 1 AREA  
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  
CHARGES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern,

in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in Garbage Zone 1 that is not located within any Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for all residential properties. Property owners in this area are not required to subscribe to the services of the franchise haulers, but if they do so, these charges will apply. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 All Franchise Areas Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

Designate the use of each type of service in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area as residential or non-residential.

Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each type of service in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved.

Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area are set forth in the following table for residential properties. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged on a per residential unit basis and will be continued at the current rate of \$1.00 per residential unit per month.

**Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 - All Franchise Areas Monthly Fees:**  
- Residential Service per unit\*\*  
- Current Fee = \$29.54  
- Effective July 2025 = \$31.32  
- Blue Cart Recycling per Unit\*\*  
- Current Fee = \$10.93  
- Effective July 2025 = \$11.61  
- Green Waste Service per unit \*\*  
- Current Fee = \$12.00  
- Effective July 2025 = \$12.75

\*Charges shown include the Admin Fee of \$1.00 month per unit  
\*\*Recycling and Green waste service may not be available in voluntary locations

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional

years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the Report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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ORDINANCE  
COMMERCIAL ZONE 1  
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION  
CHARGES  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for commercial property in Garbage Zone 1. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Commercial Zone 1 Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in Commercial Zone 1 area as commercial (non-residential). Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each type of service in the Commercial Zone 1 area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved.

Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Commercial Zone 1 area are to be set by container size as per Table A for commercial properties. The

maximum rate also includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged per commercial unit per month based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers. The Solid Waste Administration Fee will be held constant at \$1.00 per commercial unit per month (as defined in Kern County Ordinance Code Section 5.36.055). The Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments based on the prior fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers, Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge

as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF HEARING AND  
SUMMARY OF PROPOSED  
ORDINANCE  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE  
(GATE FEE AND BIN FEE)  
FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL  
PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR  
2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for non-residential property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$65.15 per ton to \$67.25 per ton effective July 1, 2025. A transfer fee of \$11.60 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2025. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise (or

City) Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.37 per cubic yard to \$3.48 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2025. A transfer fee of \$0.60 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2025. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in all of the chargeable rates.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASAO) without a protest hearing for an additional two years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report.

The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this

action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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**TABLE A**

**Commercial - Zone 1**

Commercial Bin Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Size (CY)	First Commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
<b>Trash Service</b>				
	1	\$120.83	\$111.67	\$68.25
	1.5/300 gals	\$140.58	\$131.42	\$77.89
	2	\$168.76	\$159.60	\$92.18
	3	\$212.38	\$203.22	\$103.13
	4	\$263.88	\$254.72	\$132.90
<b>Recycling Service</b>				
	1.5/300 gals	\$81.25	\$81.25	\$77.25
	3	\$142.22	\$142.22	\$128.22
	6	\$203.77	\$203.77	\$183.77

Commercial Cart Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Size (gallons)	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
Trash Cart	96/101	\$58.12	\$48.96	\$23.50
Blue Recycling Cart	96/101	\$35.95	\$35.95	\$31.95

Commercial Organic Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Size	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
Organic Cart	96/101 gals	\$55.15	\$48.96	N/A
Organic Bin	2 CY	\$331.58	\$319.19	\$184.36
Organic Bin	3 CY	\$418.83	\$406.44	\$206.26

Commercial Roll-Off Services Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Per Dump	Rental Rate	Delivery Charge	Per Hour Charge	Roll-Off Compactor Service Fee
Roll-off Container	\$336.87	\$287.93	\$155.31	\$187.45	\$410.78

**TABLE A  
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026 GATE FEE AND BIN FEE RATES**

Gate Fees	Current	Effective July 1, 2025
Any non-residential trash - not in a sideloader	\$65.15	\$67.25 per ton
Transfer Station Fee - additional	\$11.23	\$11.60 per ton
Out of County Fee	\$101.09	\$104.36 per ton
<b>Bin Fees</b>		
Municipal solid waste in a bin	\$3.37	\$3.48 per CY
Transfer Station Bin Fee - additional	\$0.58	\$0.60 per CY
Out of County waste picked up in a bin	\$4.83	\$4.99 per CY
<b>Non-Residential Waste at Facilities with Scales</b>		
Cars	\$13.48	\$13.91 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$30.33	\$31.31 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$38.19	\$39.42 per vehicle
Trailers, large vehicles, rolloff boxes	\$65.15	\$67.25 per ton
<b>Non-Residential Waste at Facilities without Scales</b>		
Cars	\$13.48	\$13.91 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$30.33	\$31.31 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$38.19	\$39.42 per vehicle
<b>Fees for Recyclable, Reusable or Divertable Material</b>		
Clean Inert Dirt	\$5.62	\$5.80 per ton
Clean Fills - concrete, asphalt, bricks, or similar	\$16.85	\$17.39 per ton
Construction and Demolition waste	\$89.86	\$92.76 per ton
<b>Tire Program Fees</b>		
Tires in bulk loads	\$280.81	\$289.88 per ton
<b>Individual tires</b>		
Light duty - 18" diameter rim or smaller	\$3.37	\$3.48 per tire
Heavy Duty Tires - 19" - 24" diameter rims	\$16.85	\$17.39 per tire
Oversize tires (>24" rims or racing tires)	\$22.47	\$23.19 per tire
Earth Mover Tires	\$280.81	\$289.88 per ton
<b>Dead Animals</b>		
Any dead animal that requires special handling	\$112.33	\$115.95 per animal
Multiple dead animals or parts that require special handling	\$168.49	\$173.93 per ton
<b>Treated Wood Waste</b>		
All treated wood waste other than railroad ties	\$68.49	\$73.93 per ton
Railroad Ties	\$16.85	\$17.39 per tie
<b>Hourly Special Fees</b>		
Hourly rate for Department personnel	\$101.09	\$104.36 per hour
Processing fee for returned checks	\$25.00	\$25.00 each
Travel Trailer disposal	\$561.63	\$579.77 each
Any other hard to handle items	\$224.65	\$231.91 ton
		2X Gate Fee or \$20.00 minimum
		2X Gate Fee or \$20.00 minimum
Untarped/unsecured loads		

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE WESTERN KERN UNIVERSAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Universal Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all residential properties in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Western Kern Universal Collection Area and Schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area as residential or non-residential. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of real property in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved. Maximum annual rates for universal solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Western Kern Universal Collection Area will increase as per the following table.

Western Kern UCA Annual Fees:  
Western Kern UCA per residential unit\*\*  
Current Fee = \$562.20  
Effective July 2025 = \$596.52  
\*\*Fees shown include the Admin Fee of \$12.00 per unit per year

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will

select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

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## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE COMMERCIAL ZONE 1 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for commercial property in Garbage Zone 1. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Commercial Zone 1 Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each parcel of real property in Commercial Zone 1 area as commercial (non-residential). Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each type of service in the Commercial Zone 1 area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved. Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Commercial Zone 1 area are to be set by container size as per Table A for commercial properties. The

TABLE A

### Commercial - Zone 1

Commercial Bin Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Size (CY)	First Commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
<b>Trash Service</b>				
	1	\$120.83	\$111.67	\$68.25
	1.5/300 gals	\$140.58	\$131.42	\$77.89
	2	\$168.76	\$159.60	\$92.18
	3	\$212.38	\$203.22	\$103.13
	4	\$263.88	\$254.72	\$132.90
<b>Recycling Service</b>				
	1.5/300 gals	\$81.25	\$81.25	\$77.25
	3	\$142.22	\$142.22	\$128.22
	6	\$203.77	\$203.77	\$183.77

Commercial Cart Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Size (gallons)	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
Trash Cart	96/101	\$58.12	\$48.96	\$23.50
Blue Recycling Cart	96/101	\$35.95	\$35.95	\$31.95

Commercial Organic Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Size	First commercial Container	Each Additional Container	Each Additional Service Pick-up
Organic Cart	96/101 gals	\$55.15	\$48.96	N/A
Organic Bin	2 CY	\$331.58	\$319.19	\$184.36
Organic Bin	3 CY	\$418.83	\$406.44	\$206.26

Commercial Roll-Off Services Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025	Per Dump	Rental Rate	Delivery Charge	Per Hour Charge	Roll-Off Compactor Service Fee
Roll-off Container	\$336.87	\$287.93	\$155.31	\$187.45	\$410.78

Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that designates the use of each parcel of real property in Kern County as either residential with four units or less, residential with five units or more, or non-residential, and describes the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of residential real property in Kern County should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the report approved. In accordance with this report, the Public Works Department proposes to increase the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) imposed on residential property on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 over the rates established for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The charge imposed on a parcel of property used as a single-family residence with one to four residential units per parcel will increase from \$179.72 per year per residential unit to \$185.52 per year per residential unit. Parcels with multi-family dwellings with five or more residential units will increase from \$143.78 per year per residential unit to \$148.42 per year per residential unit. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASAO) without a protest hearing for two more years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed

as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024  
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by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Board of Supervisors may order the report filed with the Kern County Auditor-Controller-County Clerk, who will enter the amounts of the fee against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024  
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## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL BILLED ZONE 1 AREA SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern,

## PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (GATE FEE AND BIN FEE) FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for non-residential property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$65.15 per ton to \$67.25 per ton effective July 1, 2025. A transfer fee of \$11.60 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2025. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise (or

in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in Garbage Zone 1 that is not located within any Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for all residential properties. Property owners in this area are not required to subscribe to the services of the franchise haulers, but if they do so, these charges will apply. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 All Franchise Areas Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following: Designate the use of each type of service in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area as residential or non-residential. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each type of service in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the report approved. Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 Area are set forth in the following table for residential properties. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged on a per residential unit basis and will be continued at the current rate of \$1.00 per residential unit per month.

Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 1 – All Franchise Areas Monthly Fees:  
• Residential Service per unit\*\*  
• Current Fee = \$29.54  
• Effective July 2025 = \$31.32  
• Blue Cart Recycling per Unit\*\*  
• Current Fee = \$10.93  
• Effective July 2025 = \$11.61  
• Green Waste Service per unit\*\*  
• Current Fee = \$12.00  
• Effective July 2025 = \$12.75

\*Charges shown include the Admin Fee of \$1.00 month per unit  
\*\*Recycling and Green waste service may not be available in voluntary locations  
Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional

years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the Report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in that report. The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024  
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City) Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.37 per cubic yard to \$3.48 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2025. A transfer fee of \$0.60 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2025. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in all of the chargeable rates. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASAO) without a protest hearing for an additional two years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that report. The Director of the Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this

TABLE A  
FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026 GATE FEE AND BIN FEE RATES

Gate Fees	Current	Effective July 1, 2025
Any non-residential trash - not in a sideloader	\$65.15	\$67.25 per ton
Transfer Station Fee - additional	\$11.23	\$11.60 per ton
Out of County Fee	\$101.09	\$104.36 per ton
<b>Bin Fees</b>		
Municipal solid waste in a bin	\$3.37	\$3.48 per CY
Transfer Station Bin Fee - additional	\$0.58	\$0.60 per CY
Out of County waste picked up in a bin	\$4.83	\$4.99 per CY
<b>Non-Residential Waste at Facilities with Scales</b>		
Cars	\$13.48	\$13.91 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$30.33	\$31.31 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$38.19	\$39.42 per vehicle
Trailers, large vehicles, rolloff boxes	\$65.15	\$67.25 per ton
<b>Non-Residential Waste at Facilities without Scales</b>		
Cars	\$13.48	\$13.91 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks	\$30.33	\$31.31 per vehicle
Pick-up trucks loaded above cab	\$38.19	\$39.42 per vehicle
<b>Fees for Recyclable, Reusable or Divertable Material</b>		
Clean Fill Dirt	\$5.62	\$5.80 per ton
Clean inerts - concrete, asphalt, bricks, or similar	\$16.85	\$17.39 per ton
Construction and Demolition waste	\$89.86	\$92.76 per ton
<b>Tire Program Fees</b>		
Tires in bulk loads	\$280.81	\$289.88 per ton
<b>Individual tires</b>		
Light duty - 18" diameter rim or smaller	\$3.37	\$3.48 per tire
Heavy Duty Tires - 19" - 24" diameter rims	\$16.85	\$17.39 per tire
Oversize tires (>24" rims or racing tires)	\$22.47	\$23.19 per tire
Earth Mover Tires	\$280.81	\$289.88 per ton
<b>Dead Animals</b>		
Any dead animal that requires special handling	\$112.33	\$115.95 per animal
Multiple dead animals or parts that require special handling	\$168.49	\$173.93 per ton
<b>Treated Wood Waste</b>		
All treated wood waste other than railroad ties	\$68.49	\$73.93 per ton
Railroad Ties	\$16.85	\$17.39 per tie
<b>Hourly Special Fees</b>		
Hourly rate for Department personnel	\$101.09	\$104.36 per hour
Processing fee for returned checks	\$25.00	\$25.00 each
Travel Trailer disposal	\$561.63	\$579.77 each
Any other hard to handle items	\$224.65	\$231.91 ton
Untarped/unsecured loads	2X Gate Fee or \$20.00 minimum	2X Gate Fee or \$20.00 minimum

action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com. Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: December 3, 2024  
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# Robotics teams compete in Wasco Classic

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
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## WASCO

The Wasco Union Elementary School District Wasco Winter Classic Robotics Tournament at Palm Avenue Middle School on Saturday brought together 29 teams from 15 different schools from as far as Lancaster, Santa Paula and Torrance. The teams competed in a six-match round-robin and then chose partners to compete in a single-elimination bracket championship round. The winning teams were the Knight Hawks from Fulton and Alsbury Academy of Arts and Engineering in Lancaster, along with the Cyber Spacers from Edubot Inc. in Torrance.

The Excellence Award went to Team Alsbury from Fulton and Alsbury Academy of Arts and Engineering in Lancaster, the Robot Skills Champion Award went to the Cyber Spacers from Edubot Inc. in Torrance, the Design Award to Dragon Robotics from Downtown Elementary in Bakersfield, the Innovate Award to The Doom Kirbies from Palm Avenue Middle School in Wasco, the Judges Award to Team Co-Op from Glendale, the Build Award to Robotic Mustangs from Murray Middle School in Ridgecrest and the Think Award to Dragon Robotics from Downtown Elementary in Bakersfield.

Both Palm Avenue Middle School teams qualified for the Region Three State Tournament in March at Cal State Bakers-

field, where they will have the opportunity to qualify for the world tournament, which will be held in Dallas.

Parent Billy Davis came to support his 13-year-old daughter Charleigh, who attends Murray Middle School in Ridgecrest. "It's great for her to learn about coding and robot building. It has helped her flourish, make new friends and develop her communication skills among her teammates. And by participating in tournaments like this, she gets to meet kids from other schools and share her ideas."

David Yep, a 7th grader from Fulton and Alsbury in Lancaster, took second place in the semifinals. He said the best part of the tournament was the elimination bracket because of the energy and excitement it created in the room. "It showed what we could do as a team." He added that a lot of work went into preparing for the event. "We practiced every Thursday and chose which part of the bot to work on to make sure everything was working smoothly."

Palm Avenue Middle School Dean Michael Polley said, "The students get their robot designs from YouTube or from their own designs. It's all student driven. They are the ones building them, designing them and operating them." Student robots were designed this year to pick up a doughnut, place it on a mobile goal and then position those goals around a game



**Palm Avenue Middle School students Robert Fernandez, Champ Smith, Jiraiya Rodriguez and Isaac Galvan took home the coveted Innovate Award.**

field. "It was a challenging feat, one that required skill and precision."

Serenity Bernal, After-School Education and Safety supervisor, remarked that for the first robotics competition the district opened up to other school districts

outside of Kern County, it was a good outcome. "The feedback from parents was really positive, and they were grateful that their children could interact with other students from different schools over a shared passion."

# Toys for Tigers brings Christmas joy

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Rose Queen and her court, and all the individuals who donated to us throughout the year."



**Bags of toys from Macy's, ready to be sorted by age and gender.**

Ward noted that Miss Wasco Rose Queen Rihanna Sanchez and her court, along with members of the Wasco FFA, were instrumental in distributing toys and assisting with cleanup after the event concluded.

Wasco Toys for Tigers was founded by community member Candy Wilson in 2002 with a mission to serve needy children in Wasco, "so they don't have to go without during Christmas time," Ward explained. "It's our way of showing love to Wasco and supporting people that need our help. We don't just do toys; we do other events throughout the year. We also do food baskets at Christmas time for Community Support Options clients, senior citizens and families."

Looking ahead to next year, Toys for Tigers plans to partner again with the Wasco Recreation and Parks District for their annual Easter Egg Hunt and, later, the Bike Rodeo. "We enjoy being a part of community events that give the children of Wasco a wonderful experience. It's what Wasco Toys for Tigers is all about," Ward said.



**Wasco FFA Club shoppers carefully hand-select a special age-appropriate toy for each child they shop for.**

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### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT CAN REASONABLY BE MET WITHIN THE CITY OF WASCO

The supporting documents may be viewed during normal business hours at City Hall located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above resolution or the adoption of the resolution may appear before the City Council at their hearing on January 21, 2025, or may submit written comments on or before January 21, 2025.

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Shafter Woman's Club members and Carrington friends after a day of distributing gift bags and singing Christmas carols with the seniors.

## Shafter Woman's Club spreads senior cheer

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

"The Shafter Woman's Club is proud to announce the completion of another successful year of our annual Christmas for Shafter Seniors donation drive, spreading cheer and brightening the holiday season for them," Barbara Gladden, recording secretary and event coordinator, said last week.

The campaign kicked off in October with a heartfelt call to action: to provide homebound and isolated seniors in Shafter with holiday gift bags filled with essential items. Donations were gathered for residents of Carrington, Golden Living Center (Shafter Convalescent Hospital), Shafter Senior Manor and participants in the Richland Healthy Families program.

"We had a list of desired items; we just

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needed 'elves' to make it happen, and the community answered in a huge way."

With the support of the people of Shafter, including employees from the Walmart Distribution Center, the drive exceeded expectations. Thanks to the overwhelming response, the club filled almost 200 gift bags. These bags contained items such as toiletries, socks, beanies, blankets and more, ensuring seniors in need felt cared for and remembered this Christmas.

"On behalf of the Shafter Woman's Club, I extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who contributed, helping to make the holidays even more special for some of our community's most vulnerable members," Gladden said.



Shafter Woman's Club member and Shafter Mayor Pro Tem Cathy Prout, along with Golden Living Center Marketing Director Elena Espericueta, stand next to some of the almost 200 senior gift bags that were filled.



Father José Luis Rico delivers a sermon, reminding the congregation of the holiday's significance. RIGHT: Catholic singer Maggie Gutierrez, from Delano, serenades Our Lady of Guadalupe with inspiring Christian music.



## St. Therese honors Our Lady of Guadalupe



Los Amigos del Inicio, a band from Shafter, fills the church with Latin American melodies during the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

Saint Therese Catholic Church celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Dec. 12 with a special service honoring the Virgin Mary's apparition to Juan Diego, a Mexican peasant, in 1531. The Virgin Mary appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill near Mexico City, instructing him to have a church built in her honor. This event holds great significance for its role in spreading Catholicism throughout the Americas and is especially meaningful to Mexican and Latin American communities. The feast celebrates her as a

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symbol of compassion, unity and cultural identity.

Nearly 700 people attended the event throughout the day, with some traveling from as far as Los Angeles and the Bay Area. Following the service, attendees enjoyed a gathering featuring food, a theater production by Grupo Adoración and traditional dances performed by the catechism student group Matachinez. The festivities also included live music by the local band Los Amigos del Inicio and raffles with prizes, including a hand-painted portrait of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

## Holiday magic and history meet at Depot

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made cookies and hot cider. It was an afternoon filled with holiday cheer and Christmas spirit, offering an opportunity for the community to get to know the museum.

Roger Strader, president of the museum and a board member for 25 years, said this event is a highlight every year and one of the biggest. He was grateful for the live music provided by the band, which was composed of Judge Gary Ingle, Randy Toews, Walt Crisder, Robert Arnold, Ben Wilson, Ed Besenfelder, Skip Penner, Ken Gross and Paul Hirst.

"It's fun to support history. We have people here today who have lived here 30 years and have never been to the museum, so with today's event, it was nice to get them here to expose them to history in their own community."

Angel Jimenez, a lifelong resident, brings his children to the museum because he wants them to learn about the town's history. "The museum does a great job with these Christmas events for the kids, with the band, the presents and Santa. Instead of going to Bakersfield, we have something amazing right here in Shafter."

For Yoana Francis, it's a holiday tradition for her family, especially her young son, who looks forward to seeing Santa. She enjoys voting for the Christmas trees. "My favorites were the ones decorated by the Shafter U.S. Postal Service and the Maynard Family.

"The event was a lot of fun. They do a wonderful job of putting it together, and the history showcased here in the museum is incredible. I love watching my dad look at all the trains. He used to work at the railroads."

This year's theme for the decorated trees is "The Lights of Christmas." The public still has a chance to vote on Saturday, Dec. 21, and Saturday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Winners will be announced on Jan. 4.

Assistant Curator Stephanie Benito believes that the whole purpose of the museum is to gather and preserve the history of the community and the people of Shafter. "Without the people that make up the community, we wouldn't be here. We want the community to know we are here. This Christmas event is really a way to help people in who might not stop by on a regular Saturday."

Stan Wilson, lead curator, invites the public to visit the museum and explore its extensive exhibits, which feature unique and rare artifacts showcasing the city's history. Admission is free.



Angel (7), Sammy (3) and Angelyn (9) share a special moment with Santa at the event.

## Mennonite Church hosts celebration

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He added that while planning, they focused on activities the community would enjoy and ways to serve. "There was something for every age at the event. Of course, we'd love for attendees to join us

for services if they're looking for a church home."

Guests received campus maps and information about church services, including details about their choir program and Christmas services. "This event was a way

of inviting the community in and providing a welcoming place to worship if they're searching for one. We designed activities that anyone would feel comfortable participating in. If they wanted more information, we made it available to them."

The event drew 300 attendees. "It was a great night, and everyone seemed to have a wonderful time," Pastor Coyle said. They're excited to host it again next year, with plans for a bigger and better celebration for Shafter.



# Lady Generals win their own tournament

**JAMIE STEWART**  
For the Shafter Press

The Shafter High Lady Generals basketball team captured the title in their own tournament over the weekend, beating Redwood High of Visalia in the championship game, 44-38.

Shafter made it to the finals with a rout of Templeton High School in the semifinals, 45-24.

The team was led by tournament MVP Isela Lugo, who averaged 18 points, five rebounds, four assists and two steals a game for the day.

Shafter raced out to a 10-point lead in the game, using a smothering defense and a quick transitional offense to extend their lead.

Each time Redwood would try to mount a comeback and cut into the lead, the Lady Generals would go on a run to keep the lead more than eight points.

The squad also got outstanding play in the title game by team captain Alexia Ramirez and rebounding and shooting from Kyla Schooley.

The win raises the Lady Generals' record this season to 7-3. The win also was the 14th straight home win by Shafter, dating back to last year. During that stretch, the team has beaten their opponents by an average of 32 points.

Ramirez has had a great season so far as well, averaging 15 points a



Tournament MVP Isela Lugo lays it in.

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game for the season. Schooley is averaging 13 points per game.

The team is now ranked number three in Kern County, behind only Tehachapi and Kern Valley. This includes large-school division schools such as Frontier, Bakersfield High, Centennial and Liberty.

Led by Head Coach Juan Zavala, the Lady Generals have played one game in the South Sequoia League so far, a 62-28 rout of the McFarland Cougars. Zavala is happy with the way the girls have played so far, getting better every week.

"Every game we are improving. I am liking our progress. We still have a lot of things to improve on but by

the time that playoffs come around, we are hoping to be firing on all cylinders"

Zavala said that they are motivated to make a run again in the playoffs, adding to the success that the team saw last season. Zavala has continued the progression the team made under former coach Shawn Pennell, who retired last year after helping turn the cellar-dwelling Lady Generals into a section powerhouse. Last season, the team made it to the semifinals of the Central Section playoffs, with this year's squad hoping to improve on that finish. Shafter's next game will be on Tuesday, Jan. 7, in an SSL contest against the Delano Tigers. The varsity game tips off at 6:30 p.m. in Delano.

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Jessie Maria Rodriguez Lemos**, 77, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 7, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

# Christian without Christ?

**REV. RUBEN ZARTMAN**  
Ebenezer Reformed Church

Jesus Christ is very important for Christians. That's not really a surprise, since it's in the name. Without "Christ," a Christian would just be "-ian!" That's pretty nondescript.

Of course, people who are outside of Christianity may not always understand just how central Christ is, or in what ways he is central. And even Christians can be distracted. A little piece of cardboard isn't very significant, but if we hold it in front of our eyes it can block out the sun. In the same way, a lot of things that are smaller

than Christ and peripheral to Christianity can become major distractions.

There is a passage in the book of Ephesians which helps us to understand (or to remember) the centrality of Christ from a Christian point of view: Ephesians 3:8-12.

First, Christ is central to the Christian message. Paul marvels at his privilege in being able to preach "the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Second, Christ is central to creation.



Paul speaks of God as having "created all things through Jesus Christ." Christ is not an afterthought, a late development or even just a response to the problems of humanity. All that exists is through Him.

Third, Christ is central to God's eternal plan. Paul speaks of God showing His manifold wisdom "according to the eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." Before there was a creation, Christ was already

central. In everything God has done or means to do, Christ is central.

Fourth, Christ is central in the Christian life. It is "through faith in Him" that we have boldness before and access to God. In other words, prayer is unthinkable without Christ. No kind of piety is possible except through Christ.

More could be added from other passages. But this should make it clear that asking Christians to tone down their emphasis on Christ is asking for the impossible. Our real challenge is to speak of Him as we should, not to find ways to sideline Him. There is no Christianity without Christ.

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# Sloan wins top SSL football honors

**JAMIE STEWART**  
For The Shafter Press

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The accolades for the Shafter High Generals football team continued as several of the players were bestowed with awards recently.

The recipients were led by junior Mariyon Sloan, who was named the South Sequoia League MVP. Sloan stepped into the quarterback position with the absence of Ezekiel Osborn after the second week of the season against Arvin. Sloan gained over 1,400 yards rushing for the season, as well as having over 300 yards receiving. Including punt returns and kickoff returns, Sloan had a little over 2,000 in total yards. He also had over 20 touchdowns.



**Nick Rossette was named the SSL's Co-Defensive Player of the Year.**

and only gave up an average of 10 points a game. Rossette led the league in tackles with 77 and also made quarterbacks' lives stressful while spending a lot of time in the opponents' backfield.

Landon Monreal added to Shafter's awards with being named the SSL Lineman of the Year. Monreal led a line that helped Sloan, Christopher Espinoza and Cash Gutierrez lead the SSL in offensive production, as well as supplying Shafter's quarterbacks with the time to find receivers on their way to an undefeated SSL season. Being named to the First Team

South Sequoia League were Generals Ethan Dunlap, Robert Aguirre, JJ Vasquez, Christopher Espinoza and Matthew Cordova. Daniel Rodriguez, Daniel Olvera, Arti Chavolla, Alex Reyna and Urian Salcido were named to the SSL Second Team.

With the majority of these players returning next year, the Generals will be



**Mariyon Sloan is the SSL MVP for 2024.**

looking to improve on this amazing season.

Looking further into the future, the outlook for Generals football looks very bright. The Shafter junior varsity team had a very successful season, as well

as having three National Conference Champions in the Shafter Youth Football Commanders. Shafter's freshman, sophomore and varsity teams all won the season-ending championships in the National Conference.



**The 2024 SHS varsity boys soccer team, with Head Coach Jorge Maldonado, along with team equipment managers and stat girls Ellen Esquivel and Stephany Muniz.**

# Generals soccer battles in tournament

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
The Press and Tribune

**SHAFTER**

The Shafter High School varsity boys and girls soccer teams last week competed in the Miramonte Lions Soccer Tournament at Miramonte High School in Bakersfield.

The girls' team played four games, losing 0-2 to Ridgeview High School and 0-5 to Garces in their first two matches, finishing third in their bracket and earning a spot in the consolation division. They then went on to defeat Foothill, 2-0, and in their final match, they played Golden Valley High. After a 0-0 tie in regular time, the game went to penalty kicks, where the girls won, 4-1, taking first place in the consolation bracket.

"The girls worked very hard to earn this plaque as they wrapped up the pre-season," Head Coach and girls soccer program director Jonathan Tellez said, "Now, they'll prepare for the South Sequoia

League. The Generals are considered contenders to win the South Sequoia League, having finished 2nd place the past five years. Hopefully, they will break through that this year."

The boys' team played four games, securing victories over North High, 2-1, and Delano High, 5-0, but falling 1-0 to Frontier High. In the consolation championship game, the boys ended regular time tied 2-2 against Highland High. The match went to penalty kicks, where the Generals triumphed 5-4, claiming the consolation championship and finishing in 3rd place.

"We have a very young team. They are learning and working hard to improve. This tournament was a good way to show our weaknesses and strengths," noted Head Coach Jorge Maldonado, who has coached the SHS boys soccer team for over 30 years.



**The 2024 SHS varsity girls soccer team, after competing in four games, took first-place.**

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE INVITING CONTRACTORS**  
**INTERESTED IN BEING INCLUDED**  
**ON THE MAPLE ELEMENTARY**  
**SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 2025**  
**CALIFORNIA UNIFORM**  
**PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST**  
**ACCOUNTING (CUPCCAA)**  
**INFORMAL BID LIST**

In accordance with the State of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA), the District is inviting all interested licensed contractors to submit their company information for inclusion on the District's Informal Bidding Contractors List for construction projects under \$220,000 during the 2025 calendar year. Per California Public Contract Code §22032, any Public Works Project that is estimated to cost \$220,000 or less is subject to the Informal Bidding Procedures set forth by the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission. All trade categories are subject to Informal Bidding Procedures. **Contractors interested in being placed on the 2025 Informal Bidding Contractors List are required to have a current license and be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) as a public works contractor.**

**LETTER OF INTEREST FROM**  
**INTERESTED CONTRACTOR**

Contractors interested in placement on the District's 2025 Informal Bidding List, must submit a "Letter of Interest." The Letter must contain the contractor's name; address; phone; fax; e-mail; license number, classification and expiration date; and DIR registration number and expiration date. Submit the Letter of Interest by email to projects@mapleschool.org or by mail  
Maple School District  
Attn: Bryan Easter  
29161 Fresno Ave.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Dago's Contracting**  
**2024-B7111**  
238 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
238 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Dagoberto Diaz  
238 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 03/14/2015  
/s/Dagoberto Diaz  
Date Statement Filed: 12/02/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 12/02/2029  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Torralba  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Old River Place Apartments**  
**2024-B7182**  
**Old River Place**  
**2024-B7183**  
4907 Calais Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
County: Kern  
4907 Calais Ct #A  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
Old River Apartments, LLC  
7 Corporate Park Drive, Suite 100  
Irvin, CA 92606  
State of Incorp. or org.: Delaware  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: 08/28/2024  
/s/David S. Kim  
Date Statement Filed: 12/04/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 12/04/2029  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Torralba

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**CM&J's SportsCards**  
**2024-B6843**  
4016 Viverone Ln.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
4016 Viverone Ln.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
Ascencion Barrera III  
4016 Viverone Ln.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Ascencion Barrera III  
Date Statement Filed: 11/15/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 11/15/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-**  
**CHANGE OF NAME**  
**CASE NUMBER:**  
**SCV-24-000037**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Franklin Wayne Greene filed a petition with this court for a

decre changing names as follows:  
Present Name  
Franklin Wayne Greene  
Proposed Name  
Franklin Wayne McCauley  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
a. Date: 1/24/25 Time: 8:30 AM  
Dept: B  
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263 North Kern Division  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a

newspaper of general circulation: (for resident of this county) printed in this county: Shafter Press  
Date: 11/18/24  
/s/Marcos R. Camacho  
Judge of the Superior Court  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Fit Body Boot Camp Rosedale**  
**2024-B6702**  
**Fit Body Rosedale**  
**2024-B6703**  
2816 Calloway Dr #101  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: Kern  
2816 Calloway Dr #101  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Bako Fit LLC  
2816 Calloway Dr #101  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Clara Brewer, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 11/07/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 11/07/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Torralba  
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